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### **INTERIOR DESIGNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES 1400 E. WASHINGTON AVENUE, MADISON October 30, 2002**

**PRESENT:** Gregory Bednar, Brenda Brady, Hollie Schick, Barbara Schuler, Inge Winters

**ABSENT:** Bill Bachman, John Steinhafel and Mary Willett

**STAFF PRESENT:** Secretary Oscar Herrera (until 10:30 a.m.) and Clete Hansen; Barbara Showers (for a portion of the meeting)

**GUESTS:** None.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Clete Hansen, Division Administrator. Committee members introduced themselves to Secretary Oscar Herrera.

### **AGENDA**

The agenda were informally approved.

#### **PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE REGULATION OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS**

Secretary Oscar Herrera participated in the discussion of this agenda item. Clete Hansen briefly reviewed the history relating to the development of the interior designer's regulation and of the administrative rule. A Committee member informed the group that there are not as many registered interior designers as had been projected while the regulation was being developed.

Secretary Herrera asked how the Department can help to shape the regulation as it should be.

A Committee member informed the Committee about her membership on the National Board of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). She also gave information about a partnership between the ASID and the University of Minnesota. She said that several white papers have been prepared, such as one that addresses how elderly people live and how design features can improve their lives. She said that the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and ASID were looking at a merger; however, the merger did not take place.

The Committee noted that there are currently approximately 350 registered interior designers. Committee members and staff agreed that they do not know how many non-registered persons are practicing as interior designers in Wisconsin.

Secretary Herrera asked whether registration leads to better jobs and recognition. A Committee member stated that the Interior Design Coalition of Wisconsin (Coalition) has undertaken a public relations effort that promotes the Wisconsin registered interior designers.

Secretary Herrera inquired about the current position of the furniture industry, regarding the regulation of interior designers. Clete Hansen said that Bill Bachman or John Steinhafel would be able to answer this question if they were present. Mr. Bachman had intended to attend the meeting; however, John Steinhafel was not able to attend because he was out of the country. The Committee discussed the difference between interior designers and interior decorators.

Other comments or suggestions of Committee members:

- Consumers need to be educated about the difference between registered and non-registered interior designers.
- The rules ought to require registered interior designers to put their registration number on their business card.
- The AIA Wisconsin (American Institute of Architects Wisconsin) had supported the Coalition in its efforts to obtain regulation of interior designers.
- The CQRID exam had never become prominent in the state of Wisconsin. It is not recognized by ASID or IIDA. Department staff informed the Committee that there is no record of an interior designer in Wisconsin taking this exam.

### **Division Administrator's Report**

- **Committee Membership Roster**

Several amendments were suggested for the roster.

- **Service and Budget Committee**

The Committee reviewed documents, relating to the budgetary recommendations of the Service and Budget Committee and the staff of the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

- **Communication – Katharine Hildebrand**

Clete Hansen informed the Committee about changes that have been made to the Regulatory Digest and plans that Ms. Hildebrand has for having a Web site for each profession. Any important information, relating to a profession would be placed on the Web. Therefore, the Department may be able to reduce its sizeable costs for preparing and mailing issues of the Regulatory Digest.

- **Summary Reports on Pending Court Cases, Disciplinary Cases and Administrative Rules and Monthly Press Releases of Disciplinary Orders**

Clete Hansen briefly explained this monthly report, issued by William Dusso, Department Legal Counsel.

## **EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION ISSUES**

The Committee reviewed a letter from a Committee member, dated July 8, 2002, relating to course listings issued by NCIDQ. The letter pointed out that NCIDQ, the body that “develops our examination, also functions as the repository for our continuing education course records.” The Committee also noted documents prepared by Barbara Showers, Director of the Office of Education and Examinations, dated June 18, 2002, and entitled “CE Program Planning.” Barbara Showers explained the alternatives for monitoring the completion of continuing education by credential holders.

The Committee preferred a “middle-of-the-road approach,” suggesting that, when the Department monitors the completion of continuing education, the Department’s letter could request one of three types of evidence of completion of mandatory continuing education. The first type would be a copy of actual certificates of completion; the second type would be a course listing that an interior designer has obtained from NCIDQ; and the third type would be a course list that an interior designer obtained from the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

The Committee agreed that the Office of Education and Examinations should conduct a random sample audit this year and. If registrants are unable to verify the completion of the nine hours of continuing education they should be given an additional three months to do so, or find themselves involved in an investigation and/or prosecution by the Division of Enforcement.

A Committee member said that “Interior & Sources” magazine prints course articles complete with questions about the subject matter, to be filled out by designers needing CEU credits. The articles are approved by IIDA, through the Interior Design Educators Council, which also approves regular courses.

The Committee agreed that at the present time there are no problems or concerns relating to the examination.

#### **OTHER ISSUES RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

A Committee member suggested that the Committee ought to meet at least once a year.

Clete Hansen agreed to electronically send to Committee members an updated copy of the Question/Answer Brochure.

Committee members suggested that the Department should make sure that the Web information for interior designers is correct. This suggestion was made while reviewing the Question/Answer Brochure and noting several items that were outdated.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was informally adjourned at noon.